Biological bullet warfare

WASHINGTON (LNS)—In typical Defense Dept. fashion, news has finally gotten out four years late about the Army's stockpile of poison bullets. According to the New York Times, the Army produced and stockpiled over 20,000 bullets containing Botulinum at the Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas in 1965.

Botulism, the disease produced by the toxin Botulinum, is a highly fatal disease of the nervous system. It is virtually impossible to cure and takes effect in 12 to 72 hours. The Times indicates that the bullets are probably for assassinations—a person would only have to be nicked by a bullet and he would probably die of botulism.

The Army swears up and down that its chemical-biological weapons are only stockpiled and not in use anywhere, but there are reports that they are using chemical defoliants and nausea gas in Vietnam (nausea gas can produce fatal vomiting and diarrhea).